

An American flag waves on the left side of the page, and the Statue of Liberty stands on the right side. The text is centered over the flag.

WELCOME TO  
**Grace Lutheran Church**

**July 5, 2026**

"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"  
Poem by Emma Lazarus

**PRELUDE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**A GATHERING LITANY**

**P:** We are gathered in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**C:** **Amen.**

**A:** O God, the Father in heaven,

**C:** **have mercy on us.**

**A:** O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C:** **have mercy on us.**

**A:** O God, the Holy Spirit,

**C:** **have mercy upon us.**

**P:** O Christ, merciful Savior, hear us in this hour:

**C:** **O Christ, visit us with your compassion.**

**P:** For our sins by which we have grieved you; for the ways in which we forget your steadfast love; for our indifference to the gospel and the witness of your church; for our apathy toward your call to faith; for our failure to see the spiritual needs of those around us:

**C:** **We beg your forgiveness, O Lord.**

A: O Christ, forgive us.

C: **O Christ, deliver us.**

P: That our nation may remember you as the God of mercy and truth; that the fulfillment of your will may be our desire; that we may be healed from the motives of greed and revenge; that we may discover through you a deeper experience of prayer; that we may offer unselfish devotion to the well-being of our nation; that you would uphold and guide our president and all in authority; that you would defend and preserve our soldiers, sailors, and air force; and that all our people may seek courage and a spirit of endurance:

C: **We ask this, O Lord.**

P: To comfort those under the constant strain of apprehension; to remember those in captivity; to bind up the wounded, sheltering them under your care; to stretch out your arm to all who are lonely, tempted, or discouraged; to have mercy upon all who trust in you:

C: **We ask this, O Lord.**

P: To hasten the day of peace; to cast away the threads of hate; to forgive our enemies; to scatter any who delight in war; and to renew steadfast faith within us:

C: **Hear us, good Lord, and receive our prayer as we gather to worship you this day.**

## GATHERING SONG

ELW # 777

### *COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY*

*Verses 1 - 3*

## THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you!**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE READING

## ROMANS 7:15-25A

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**R:** The Word of God, for the People of God!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

## **THE GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 11:16-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

**P:** This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn

from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**THE REFLECTION**

REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

### **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART I**

Hymn: *This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York island,  
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters;  
This land was made for you and me.*

### **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART II**

Hymn: *God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen! Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious, long to reign over us;  
God save the Queen!*

### **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART III**

Hymn: *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
our grateful songs before your throne arise.*

### **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART IV**

Hymn: *O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.*

## **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART V**

Hymn: *Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

## **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART VI**

Hymn: *My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

## **TODAY'S REFLECTION, PART VII**

Hymn: *Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERING MUSIC

by Ludwig van Beethoven

*Duo for Violins – First Movement  
Helen Biddinger & Barbara Ziebold*

*Please stand.*

### OFFERING SONG

**ELW # 184**

***LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL***

### OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### THE DIALOGUE

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

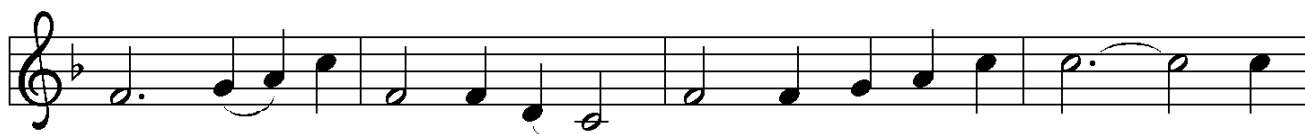
## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, so that all who believe in him should not perish but have the gift of eternal life.

P: We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Heaven has come near. Come and share the Feast!

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 471

### ***LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER***

*After all have communed, you are invited to stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine you have united us with Christ to our stories of old. Together, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

- P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
- C: **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

**ELW # 777**

### ***COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY***

*Verses 4-6*

## **THE SENDING**

- P: Heaven has come near.
- A: Go, share the good news!
- C: **Thanks be to God!**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!** You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

**DRIVE-IN CHURCH** - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot, please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. James Farrell and Mr. & Mrs. Mahlon Herrick, by Dr. & Mrs. Scott Farrell.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given as a gift to the congregation. (Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.)

**THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY** please remember: Diane Berryman, Yvonne Hammer, Mia Knecht, Dianne McKenzie, Tim Rutherford, Tanya Schardt, Julie Stawowy, Jan Serwin, Melissa Toker, Connie Wasserman, and Bob Wickert.

**HOSPITAL VISITS!** If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

**PRAYER LIST REQUESTS** - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

**HELP BRING BEAUTY TO OUR WORSHIP SPACE OR SEND GOD'S WORD BEYOND OUR WALLS THIS SUMMER!** With your gift of altar flowers, you can enhance the beauty of our sacred space and sponsoring a radio ministry, helps carry God's Word into homes across our community each week on Eagle 99.1 FM. Interested? Contact Tricia in the church office or by email at [dabrunztricia@yahoo.com](mailto:dabrunztricia@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and closed Friday.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER** should be sent to Tricia at [dabrunztricia@yahoo.com](mailto:dabrunztricia@yahoo.com)

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS FROM ST. MARK!** We are excited to have you join us for worship today!

**LET'S MEET FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP!** Whether or not you brought your lunch we will gather on the front lawn with the hope that we can stay in the shade while we eat and visit.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK PR. BAILEY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE.** He will be attending the Roster Leaders Conference in Indiana and then he is taking a short vacation. Pr. Bailey will be back in the office on July 13.

**A NOTE ABOUT NEXT WEEKEND:** We will welcome Pr. Mark Shimer to the pulpit to share the Word. Please take a moment to welcome him to Grace.

**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER** is a source of financial help for our members. If you find yourself in need of help with living expenses like utilities, house or rent payment, or medical bills My Brother's Keeper may be able to help. Everything is kept confidential. For help contact the church office.

**COME MEET OUR MISSIONARY PR. DAVID BRONDOS ON JULY 25 & 26!** For the last 15 years we have had the honor of partnering with Pr. Brondos to help sponsor his missionary work in Mexico. This summer he will be visiting our area, and he will be joining Pr. Bailey for worship on July 25 & 26. During worship we will hear about the impact of our shared faith continues to have on God's people in Mexico. As part of our worship, a freewill offering will be collected to help further support the work of our ELCA missionaries.

## **MUSIC AT GRACE**

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED JOINING A HANDBELL CHOIR?** The Grace Ringers is a volunteer community bell choir that is dedicated to rehearsing and performing handbell music to commemorate special seasons during the church year. Whether you are a seasoned musician or are new to making music, all are welcome to join the ensemble! Being able to read music is not required. We plan to meet weekly for rehearsals. The bell choir will perform at select Sunday services. If you are interested contact Charlie at [pianomancharlie03@gmail.com](mailto:pianomancharlie03@gmail.com) or scan the QR code.



**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER** - If you have a musical gift you would like to share with the congregation during the summer months, there are plenty of opportunities to do so! Whether you sing, play an instrument or even write music, we invite you to share your gifts as a musical offering. There are also opportunities for volunteer cantors. Please contact our music director, Charles Ligus, ([pianomancharlie03@gmail.com](mailto:pianomancharlie03@gmail.com)) if interested.

## **A LETTER FROM THE GLCW PRESIDENT**

Over the years you may have heard the LWR and GLCW, but do you know what these stand for? LWR stands for Lutheran World Relief and GLCW represents the Grace Lutheran Church Women.

The GLCW is asking for your help assembling two kits for LWR. This year, we are putting together School Kits and Sewing Kits for distribution.

We need the following items to complete our School Kits:

- 60 – Spiral notebooks with 70 – 80 sheets of lined paper
- 23 – Pencil sharpeners
- 23 – Rulers with centimeter markings on one side
- 75 – Black or Blue ball point pens (NO GEL INK PENS)

For the Sewing Kits we need:

- 20 – Spools of neutral colored general-purpose thread

We are always in need of gently used or new flat bed sheets which we use as the back of our quilts.

Thank you for your continued support of the LWR projects.

Jan Harris,  
GLCW President

<b>SERVING IN WORSHIP</b>	
	<b>Sunday – 9 am</b>
<b>GREETERS: NARTHEX</b>	Roger Haynes
<b>GREETERS: BAKER ST.</b>	Marcella Widmer
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	Annette Moore
<b>READERS</b>	John Burmeister
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Sue Brickner
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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**JULY 5 - 12, 2026**

**Today NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

9:00 – Worship

10:30 – Picnic in the Courtyard, Bring Your Own Lunch

**Monday Office Closed**

**Tuesday**

5:00 – LIFT Community BBQ at Birchard Park

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

11:30 – Soup Kitchen

**Friday**

**Saturday**

4:00 - Worship

**Sunday**

9:00 – Worship

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